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**NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARINGS
SCHEDULED FOR SEPTEMBER 4, 2002**

Under the provisions of M.G.L. Ch 30A and pursuant to the authority found in M.G.L. Ch. 130 ss. 17A, 80, 100A, and 104, Division of Marine Fisheries (DMF) and the Marine Fisheries Commission (MFC) have scheduled a public hearing on the following regulatory action and proposal. Contact DMF for draft regulations and further details.

1. The landing or possession of sea herring in Management Area 1A is no longer prohibited on Fridays; landings shall be prohibited from 12:01 A.M. Saturday through 11:59 P.M. Sunday. This regulation was initially filed as an emergency regulation to prevent the competitive disadvantage of Massachusetts commercial herring fishermen to Maine and New Hampshire.

A PUBLIC HEARING HAS BEEN SCHEDULED:

Wednesday, September 4, 2002 (3-5p.m.) at the Annisquam River Marine Fisheries Station.
Written comments (by mail or fax) will be accepted until 5 P.M. on September 4, 2002.